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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

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REFERENCE: My Memo, dtd 13 Jul 88, Same Subject

1. In the reference I noted that [] of the ICS was continuing to generate proposals relative to the implementation of OSIX which lack both programmatic and financial credibility. I can assure you that to the degree that FBIS can "call the shots" on these proposals, we will do so. I have recently told [] that FBIS would not coordinate on any proposal that lacked programmatic and financial credibility. I must remind you, however, that [] unilaterally substituted the current plan for the one submitted and coordinated by FBIS. While [] may still unilaterally forward an uncoordinated proposal, I can say that we will continue to do our utmost to assure that the best proposal goes forward.

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2. Regardless of the quality of the forwarded proposal, however, the dilemma I noted to you in our monthly will still exist. That is:

--the ICS through the DCI provided guidance for the preparation of the FY 90-91 OMB budget that called for the CIAP to support the OSIX initiative;

--the EXCOM voted not to support OSIX in the FY 90-91 budget and deleted the initiative from the budget; and

--the ICS is going to attempt to have the DCI "fence" funds from the FY 90-91 NFIP to support OSIX.

Given the zero-sum game that currently exists within the Agency, I cannot wholeheartedly embrace the OSIX effort. But neither can we sit idly by and allow the ICS to present management with an ill conceived and/or unrealistic proposal. However, a full court offensive press by FBIS on the ICS could be misinterpreted and could result in an embarrassment to the Directorate; ie., we might appear to be end running the EXCOM. []

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3. Given your note of 18 July 1988 --

"You need to work with [] on this to be sure it comes out like you want. Go on the offensive."

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-- I want to make sure that we are in agreement as to what we "want." I believe that what we want first is to submit a credible OSIX proposal. I also believe we should table it until the budget climate improves; not allowing it to be force fit into the program. At this point, it is my view that the DDCI needs to be made aware of the ICS/EXCOM differences and, based purely on the resource issues, that the DS&T should not support OSIX. If that is done, then I can aggressively work to assure that the OSIX proposal is sound. []

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4. [] has informed us that he does not expect to return his attention to the OSIX proposals until late August. This certainly gives us the time to posture ourselves to achieve what we want. []

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